



Meeting Minutes

Stewardship Councilors in Attendance: Chairman Whitney Hatch, Dennis Smith, Toni Pollak, Elisa Campbell, Heather Clish, Michele Hanss, Walter Bickford, Wayne Klockner, James Van Dyke

DCR Staff in Attendance: Commissioner Leo Roy, Andy Backman, Joe Rotondo, Stephen Doody, Georgia Polemenakos, Brad Sands, Karl Pastore, Mark Steffen, Stu Conner

Public Attendees: Bill Boles, NEMBA

Attachments: RMPs Currently Underway

Chairman Hatch called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

- Chairman Hatch welcomed the Council
- Chairman Hatch reviewed the agenda
- Chairman Hatch asked whether or not there were any questions or comments regarding the agenda

Commissioner's Report –Commissioner Leo Roy

Commissioner Roy informed the Council on/of the following matters:

- The new Visitor Center at the Walden Woods State Reservation
- Recreational Trail Grants
- Solar-powered charging and Wi-Fi stations
- The 2016 Town Forest Event
- Fire Chiefs meeting in Martha's Vineyard
- Presentation to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture
 - **Upcoming:**
 - 2016 Blue Hills Deer Management Plan
 - 2016 Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grants

Committee Updates

Policy and Planning Committee, Chairwoman Elisa Campbell

Chairwoman Campbell informed the Council on/of the following matters:

- Policy Committee has not met
- Four RMPs underway
 - Blue Hills Complex
 - Boston Harbor Islands Complex
 - Myles Standish SF Complex
 - Pittsfield/ October Mountain Complex

Finance Committee, Councilor Heather Clish

Chairman Clish informed the Council on/of the following matters:

- Looking ahead and getting ready for FY18
 - Agenda items
 - What the staff can do
 - What the volunteers can do
 - What the contractors can do
 - See if other agencies can participate financially

Special Business- Presented by Tim Craig, Student Conservation Association (SCA)

Tim Craig informed the Council on/of the following matters:

- Partnerships
- SCA Massachusetts AmeriCorps
- Member Training
- Environmental Education Service
- Conservation Service
- SCA and DCR
- Teaching about DCR
- New Partnerships with DCR
- Future Opportunities with DCR

Brad Sands informed the Council on/of the following matters:

- Wompatuck State Park
 - Park Highlights
 - Size and access
 - Recreation
 - Effective friends groups and integration with the community
 - Potential opportunities
 - Camping
 - Biking and Hiking
 - Aaron Reservoir
 - Fishing and Hunting
 - Visitor Amenities
 - Mt. Blue Spring

Karl Pastore informed the Council on/of the following matters:

- DCR's South Region
 - Facts:
 - 38 Properties
 - 8 Campgrounds
 - 935 Miles of non-paved roads and hiking paths
 - 75 miles of paved bike paths
 - 50 miles of official dirt bike trails
 - 17 islands
 - 10 staffed swimming beaches

- 5 National Historic Sites
- Natural Resources
 - 30,000 acres of Region in priority habitat of rare species
 - 42 listed species in Myles Standish State Forest
 - 34 listed species in Manuel Correllus State Forest
 - 21 listed species in Nickerson State Park
 - 120 MESA listed species
- Cultural Resources
 - Five national historic sites
 - Numerous national register sites
 - Native American sites
- Staffing
 - 89 full-time staffers
- Budget
 - Total Operational Budget FY 2016= \$1.915,370
- Deferred maintenance and capital projects
- Vehicles and equipment
- Region revenue
- Programs and Events
- Friends and Partnerships
- Region wide issues
 - Staffing levels
 - Succession planning
 - Deferred maintenance

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Councilor Campbell, seconded by Councilor Pollak to accept the October 2016 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

- No New Business

Public Comment

The following constituents expressed their opinions/issues/matters to the Council:

- Bill Boyles
 - Wompatuck State Park involvement

Closing Comment

- No Closing Comments

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at Walden Pond Reservation.

Chairman Hatch adjourned the meeting at 2:22p.m.